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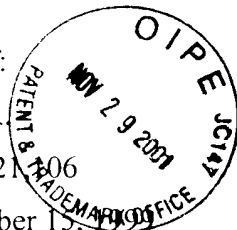
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated August 29, 2001, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

Applicants have enclosed check No.: 145465 in the amount of \$320 as payment of the required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b). The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, required for filing this Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.142. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-1824 referencing docket number 16517.142. A duplicate copy of this Notice is attached.

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